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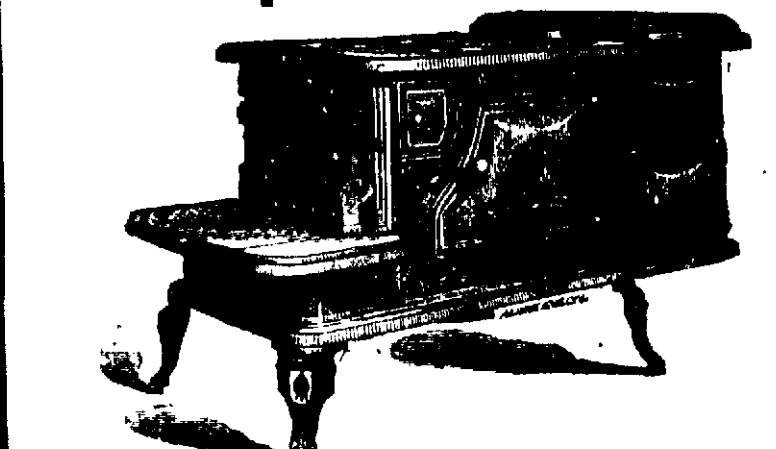
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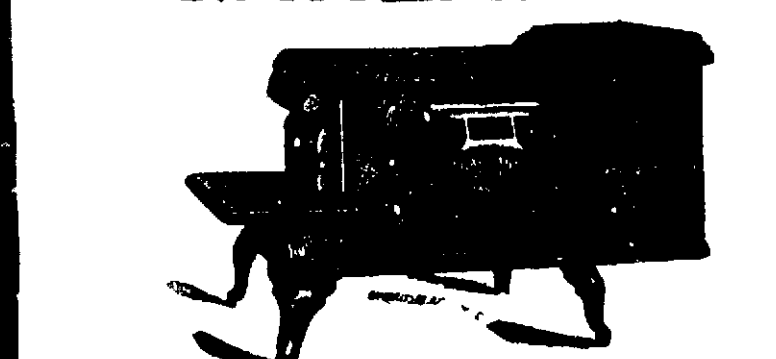
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THURSDAY EVE., FEB. 19, 1885.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
We are authorized to announce James F. HODGES, of Madison, as a candidate for circuit judge, subject to the decision of the republicans convention.

We are authorized to announce J. O. A. OODS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace.

LOCAL NEWS.

When up town step in and see those damaged dolls at

E. D. BARNHOLM & Co's.

See the dime show to-night.

The train horses look happy again.

Trains on Midland all running to-day.

It will be warmer in July. Why not seek for consolation?

The Union revival meetings at Argenta have closed with a total of 55 conversions.

The ground-hog is partly responsible for the chilliness, and then it's a cold day anyway when the Republicans get left.

By request Goodman's band will be at the rink on Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. Usual admission 10c.

There far there have been 300 converts at the Methodist revival.

Why allow a cough to annoy you? Burke's White Pine Balsam will cure it.

It is stated that Mrs. Lucy Simpson, the colored speaker, will open the spring temperance revival at the tabernacle Tuesday evening, March 10th.

It was 6 degrees below zero at 5 a. m. to-day, and 4 below at 8 o'clock. A little snow fell at intervals, just to keep up the monotony.

The popular A. B. C. soap and groceries on sale at Peter Ullrich's.

Almost any day of the week six to ten loads of hay are on sale on Water street, south of the Republican office.

The Danville News has been sued by Rev. Eichelberger for \$10,000 for an alleged libel. It is stated the News will not retract, but proposes to fight.

J. H. DUNN is the agent for the Caligraph in Decatur and is prepared at all times to show machine and take orders. He can be found at the Circuit Clerk's office.

Just a few more "Sure Cures for Blue Monday" left at Nidermeyer's, on the Mound. Try one.

The prayers for rain or a thaw should be answered. We don't want a heavy rain. One just stiff enough to loosen things and fill the cisterns.

Don't allow that cold to develop into consumption. Take Burke's White Pine Balsam.

The Smith Swiss Bell Ringer cornet band paraded our streets to-day and gave our people a serenade. Entertainment to-night.

Burke's White Pine Balsam gives health and tone to the throat, bronchial tubes and lungs, overcoming a tendency to take cold easily.

The advance agent for "Our Strategist" was in the city to-day getting ready for the presentation of the entertainment on the 25th, next Wednesday evening.

Good goods, low prices—Burke's shoe store. Feb. 17-d&wt

The butter business has been lifted and grocers and consumers are happy. The trains have brought in creamy butter and the country folks manage to get to town since summer has come.

E. R. ROOSE has bought the Welshman property on East Edmund street. It is for rent.

Another cheap stock of clothing from Chicago is to be placed on sale in Decatur. The store will probably be on the west side of the old square.

A copy of the beautiful book "Our Daisy," will be sent free to any one who having used Atholpore, the great chestnut and nutmeg cure, will write the Atholpore Co., 113 Wall street, N. Y., stating their experience with it. Mention this paper.

The second lecture will be given by Rev. Gibbs on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22, in Court de Leon. Lecture room, corner of North Main and William streets, at 3:30 p. m. Public invited, and especially the ladies.

Taxi dinner at Crockett Bros. restaurant on Water street. Their diners are famous for good and sell at 25 cents.

The bastardy proceedings of Lena Troub against Charles Ackerman in the county court have been dismissed by the complainant. There appeared to be no ground for the prosecution.

Don't delay but call at once on C. B. Freeman's music parlor in opera block, and examine those Haines Bros. pianos, best on sale.

And first class dealers sell Schneider's famous Bohemian cigars.

Howart Coal, lump and nut at Geo. Ehrhart's coal and wood yard. Tel. 138. Jan. 16-d

Try only restaurant in the city that keeps open day and night is at Hartley's. No. 107 S. 4th old square. Feb. 17-d

Notice.
All persons holding life insurance policies in the Bloomington Mutual are requested to meet at the office of the Decatur Life Insurance company, 108 Merchants street over Heilmann's store Feb. 21, at 2 o'clock on business of importance to all.
J. ANSOR, (A member.)

Mrs. E. ERNST will close out her stock of Hoop Skirts and Corsets at 50 cents on the dollar. Feb. 17-d&wt

Imported gent's Underwear, the finest in the market at B. Sime's. d&wt

An elegant souvenir given to each lady buying a pair of shoes at Busher's. Feb. 17-d&wt

Decatur Coal.
The best coal for cooking stoves is the Decatur double-screened nut. It burns clean.

The best coal for grates is the Decatur lump coal. It burns without clinker.

As a storm coal it has no superior. Order direct from the shaft or from Armstrong's drug store or from V. H. Park, Bryan & Hummel.

Teamsters also handling for the coal company will also fill orders. 17-d

Mrs. E. ERNST will close out her German town Zephyrs at first cost. Feb. 17-d&wt

Don't pay other parties \$2.50 and \$3.00 when J. E. Black & Son have new and fresh men's shoes for \$2.00 and \$2.50. 18-d

Strange Death of Mrs. White.

Last evening between 8 and 9 o'clock Mrs. Mattie E. White, the dressmaker, was found dead in her room over Free-

man Bros' shoe store on Merchant street.

The discovery was made by Mrs. Belle Ogden and Mrs. Anna Johnson, who found the door unlocked and the room cold—no fire in the stove.

The body was found lying on the floor at the side of the bed in a crouching position. The women did not go into the bedroom. They went down on the street and got Alfred S. Bailey to come up and make an examination. He did so and found Mrs. White dead. Coroner Perl was summoned. He took charge of the body, and the women laid out the body in the large room. In examining the bed the coroner found a small bottle, containing enough morphine to kill a half-dozen people, under a large pillow. The inquest was held last night. The juryman were W. B. Davidson, Dr. O. F. Corman, Jos. Smallwood, Wm. Slaughter, J. B. Fielder and H. S. W. Harris. The witnesses were Dr. Cass Chenoweth, A. S. Bailey, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Johnson, William and Linton Davidson. Dr. Chenoweth had known deceased for several years. Had prescribed for her on Saturday and had seen her last on Sunday, when she complained of pain at lower part of abdomen. Thought illness caused by change of life. Did not know that she used morphine, but knew that she had had hemorrhages.

William Davidson while coming up the stairway Monday afternoon saw deceased looking out of the door, when she told him she had the cramps. Witness asked her if he could do anything for her. She said no and then closed the door. Saw her no more but next evening while in insurance office heard a peculiar rapping. It soon ceased and he thought no more of it. Mrs. Johnson had known Mrs. White for 7 or 8 years. Knew that she had been ill for some time. Saw her Saturday evening sitting in her chair. Then had fever blisters on her lips and looked as if she was about to die. Never heard her say she used morphine.

The jury failed to agree upon a verdict last night and an adjournment was taken until this afternoon. There are no marks of violence on the body, and it seems plain that she died from taking an overdose of morphine. The bottle tells the story. The deceased was aged 45 years, and in 1862 was married to James C. White. She has not been living with her husband for 10 years. His whereabouts are unknown. Her child is dead. She has lived in Decatur 10 years. For 5 or 6 years she has had rooms over 108 Merchant street, and about a year ago removed to where she died. It is known that business was dull with her and this fact with her ill health probably caused her to destroy her life.

The deceased formerly resided at Mason, where her relatives once resided. Her brother, Charles Harrah, is the young man with whom Robert Wilkinson, the night watchman, had trouble a year or two ago. Wilkinson claimed to have been stabbed by Harrah, but the alleged fact was not substantiated and he was released. Among the articles found in the room by the coroner were 85 cents in money, also a case of bottled beer that was unopened.

THE VERDICT.
The jury met this afternoon and agreed upon a verdict. It is to the effect that the deceased came to her death from cause or causes unknown to the jury.

Two ladies from Argenta arrived in Decatur at noon and viewed the remains of Mrs. M. E. White, at Perl's undertaking establishment. They were visiting J. J. Johnson, an uncle of the deceased.

Dr. John Harrah, brother of the deceased, and J. J. Johnson are expected to arrive in Decatur this evening from Argenta. They will give directions about the burial.

First Presbyterian Church.
The interest at the regular prayer meeting at this church last night was quite marked. Short and pointed addresses were made by Messrs. Scraggs and Hueston, followed by one from the pastor. There was a manifest desire on the part of those present for a deeper interest in spiritual things and outpouring of the spirit on the church. Another meeting was announced for this evening in the lecture room at 7:30 o'clock and all exhorted to be present. A prominent feature of this evening's service, we learn, will be a "Prayer of Consecration."

The Dime Show.
The Smith Swiss Bell ringers and specially trained troupe, now in the city, will begin their three nights' entertainment at the Opera House this evening, and will also give a matinee performance Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The price of admission is only 10 cents, a very low figure for the character of this show. The bell ringers are said to be the best traveling, while the specialty acts will be certain to please. Take all the children and let them see the fun and hear good music.

And it's just the same way in the city, only more so:

This is the time when the farmer sits by his chimney pipe.

And talks to the wife of his bosom (if he has one) and says to her:

While the love-truck son of his neighbor sits in another room.

And talks to the farmer's daughter of the splendid days to come.

A unknown Bash-Bazook, or thief, has stolen Judge Greer's spectacles from his desk in his office. Where are the police?

There are stock of clothing attached for taxes and other claims has been sold at auction. It was valued at \$400, and was sold for \$278. The amount will be divided among the claimants, perhaps this evening.

Attention, Knights Templar.
Regular convocation of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, K. T., this (Thursday) evening, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance requested.
J. N. BAKER, E. C.

HENRY WISMAN, the harness maker in the Perl building, will have a hearing to-morrow at 10 o'clock before Curtis on a charge of indecent exposure of person. The complainant is Eugene R. Rogers, a neighbor. There are thirteen witnesses in the case.

Some Foolish People.
Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, Oh it will wear away, but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Krump's Balsam, which we sell on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 50c and \$1.00. 77-ol size free. Feb. 18. Dr. J. J. Stoner, new growth and restores color. Clean, highly perfumed, not a die. A great improvement over any similar preparation, sold at the low price of 50c. Feb. 18-d&wt

One Den Cleaned Out.

Yesterday afternoon Marshal Mason made a successful raid on John Etheridge's

poker and faro room in the third story of the old Revere House building, east side of the city park, and to-day there is one gambling den less in Decatur. The Mar-

shal found no one in the room except Etheridge, but while he was there several parties came up the narrow stairway, probably for the purpose of witnessing the unusual scene of an officer in a gambling room. The police usually have a

hard time getting through the locked and bolted doors. Mason arrested Etheridge and took possession of the outfit, two poker tables and a bundle of chips. Etheridge is a party from the village of Sullivan and came to Decatur to roll in wealth. Justice McGorray this forenoon fined the prisoner \$25 and costs. Paid.

All Wait!
The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times telegraphed that paper yesterday, in referring to Illinois applicants for post office commissions, that Hon. S. S. Jack is in the list for the Decatur office. It has been slyly hinted about that Bro. Jack was not a bidder for any favors, but that correspondent has let the cat out of the bag. All wait, to slow music. What are the other P. O. seekers going to do about it? Where's Boyd Braden? No mention of his candidacy was made.

The Revival.
There was another big outpouring of people at the Methodist revival last night, and the text taken by Mr. Potter was, "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation." The invitation brought twenty-six seekers to the altar, ten of whom professed conversion. Ten persons united with the church on probation. It was considered one of the best meetings of the series, and another such scene is anticipated for to-night. All are invited.

Bank Stock Sold.
One thousand dollars of bank stock of the Decatur National Bank was sold last week for fifteen hundred dollars cash, which shows the bank to be in a prosperous and thriving condition.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. B. C. Ham, of Argenta, was in the city last evening.

Mrs. J. A. Braman, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting her sister Mrs. N. E. Adams.

Mrs. R. R. Gillen, of Cantrill, Ill., is in the city visiting Mrs. B. I. Sterrett.

Miss Alice Montgomery has returned to her home in Chicago, after a week's visit with Miss Mabel Carder.

Edward Hoy, E. B. Cole's prescription clerk, is basking in the sunshine of his friend at Buffalo, Ill.

Wm. Zinn, formerly a resident of Decatur, lately of Chicago, Mo., has been removed to Los Angeles, California.

Miss Edna Rogers will return the latter part of the week to St. Mary's Institute, near Terre Haute, Ind., to take lessons in painting.

Mrs. B. M. Lutz, who has been sick since the first of January, was very bad yesterday, suffering from nervous prostration.

City Attorney Mills is at Virginia, Cass county, to-day, fighting Morrison & Whitlock, of Jacksonville, in an important land case. About \$7,000 is involved.

Henry Elwood sends a copy of the New Orleans Times Democrat and has been giving the pictures of the Mardi Gras floats that were shown in the procession on Tuesday.

Charles O. Platt left for Florida last night by way of Indianapolis, having received a telegram from him of the dangerous illness of his wife who has been South several months.

Mrs. Henry Adams, of West William street, received yesterday from Orlando, Florida, a box containing a large number of fine oranges and two Florida grapes, each of the latter weighing 1 1/2 pounds. The fruit came from B. B. Campbell, formerly of this city.

Master Goldberg, brother of M. Goldberg, formerly in business here, now located in Ohio, arrived in Decatur last night from Hungary. He made the trip alone over the ocean to Decatur, a distance of over 4,000 miles, and is now with two of his brothers in this city. The lad is but 10 years of age.

A HORRIBLE scene last occurred at Gibson City last night, by which Mr. George Scott, an old resident 70 years of age lost his life. A young lady living with them was passing a red hot stove and her clothing caught fire. She started to run through the house, but was caught by Mr. Scott, who with great presence of mind carried her out into the snow drifts. He saved her life, but she was badly burned and in the attempt that he died a short time.

The Season of Fasting.
This is the Lenten Season. It is an announced that the following rules will govern Catholics until Easter Sunday:

A cup of coffee, tea, or rain chocolate, with a slice of bread or a cracker, without butter, may be taken in the morning.

Flesh meat may be used at every meal on Sunday and on the principal feasts, and on all other days except Wednesdays and Fridays and the second and sixth Saturdays of Lent.

Milk, butter, cheese, eggs and fish may be used at the collation in the evening, and the same in the morning by those who are not obliged to fast. But fish must and fish are not allowed at the same meal, not even on the Sundays of Lent.

Lard, butter or other animal fat may be used instead of vegetable oil in preparing food.

The following are exempt from fasting:

1. Persons under the age of 14 years.

2. Those whose strength is impaired by old age.

3. The sick and convalescent, or those who are of a debilitated constitution, or whose health would be injured by abstention.

4. Females who are pregnant or nursing infants.

5. Mendicants who cannot count on a regular meal.

The following are exempt from abstinence:

1. Mendicants pay out what is offered them.

2. The sick and convalescent, or those whose health is impaired by abstinence, or the duties of whose calling generally suffer by it.

3. The poor who cannot procure the other necessities of life.

Those who are dispensed from fasting from want of age, or on account of advanced age, or by reason of hard work, are not on this account dispensed from abstinence. Those who doubt as to whether they have a right to cause of exemption from fasting or abstinence must consult their spiritual director or confessor.

A Liquor Decision.
The following telegram from Springfield will be of interest to certain parties who hang out in the small towns:

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 17.—Amos Shriver, of Shawnee, was brought before Judge Frost in the Police Court here on an indictment for selling liquors in Fairfield without a license. The proof showed that Shriver had been in the habit of selling liquors in Fairfield for some time.

The court held that as Shriver sold them there without a special tax he was guilty of selling the business of a retail liquor dealer in Fairfield without having paid the special tax required by law of the State of Missouri. This is the first time this point has been passed upon by a United States Court.

Don't Look Like a Wreck.
"When a man is going down hill every body is ready to give him a kick. Yes, that is so. It is sad, but natural. Why many a man and woman, seeking employment, would have got it if their hair had not been so thin and gray. One bottle of Farquhar's Hair Balsam is then the best investment. It stops falling hair, promotes new growth and restores color. Clean, highly perfumed, not a die. A great improvement over any similar preparation, sold at the low price of 50c. Feb. 18-d&wt

Coroner Perl 134 Votes Ahead.

The last act in the coroner contest case was enacted last evening in open court before Judge Greer, and the curtain was

rung down slowly to soft music, and Coroner Perl went out happy 134 votes

ahead of the contestant, Mr. J. E. Bendure. The recount as stated yesterday was made by the experts, Henry McOlellan and Isaac W. Ehrman, in the presence of the court, the opposing attorneys, and such spectators as desired to witness the formal investigation. Only the ballots cast at the voting precincts in Decatur township were overhauled and recounted, and the following as the result:

First district—Bendure, 377; Perl, 283; gain of 19 for Perl.

Second district—Bendure, 406; Perl, 272; gain of 8 for Bendure.

Third district—Bendure, 336; Perl, 223; gain of 1 for Bendure.

Fourth district—Bendure, 286; Perl, 276; gain of 1 for Perl.

Fifth district—Bendure, 183; Perl, 314; gain of 1 for Bendure.

The official canvass made in November gave Perl a majority of 124; the recount gives him a majority of 134, a gain of 10 votes. It was discovered that 34 papers with Perl's name had been used, and as the validity of these would not change the result, the petition of the contestant for a certificate of election as coroner was dismissed. The paper question was not argued but it would have been sprung had a greater number—say 68—been voted purposely or unwittingly for Perl. There was only one Bendure paper found in the lot, and its discovery was a great surprise to the contestant, for he ordered none printed and did not know of any one who had ordered any printed or had used them. Mr. Perl is now coroner beyond dispute, and will hold the office four years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Driving Out Demons.
Down at Shelbyville some weeks ago through the united efforts of the ministers in that city, the Sunday laws were caused to be more strictly observed, and encouraged by their success, they have opened their batteries on the gambling-rooms and even condemning social and progressive seclusion, and throwing hot-shot right and left among the sinners. The results so far have been the raiding of one gambling room a few days ago and the arrest of three prominent business men who own business houses for renting their vacant rooms for gambling purposes. There will be a bitter trial in the justice's office.

Our Fair Grounds—stock Company.
Now that we have failed to secure the location of the state fair at Decatur, there must be some other plan adopted by which we can raise money with which to fix up our fair grounds, as Mason county will have no fair this year nor any year following this until the buildings and grounds are improved. This is a subject worthy of thought, and should be agitated through our press. A good fair of great importance to an agricultural district such as Central Illinois. There have been several plans spoken of. A prominent citizen and member of the board of supervisors suggests that if the county would give the grounds, a stock company with a capital of \$10,000 could be formed and fix up the grounds and hold a successful fair. Another, that Mason county give \$5,000, as she agreed to do in case we secured the state fair, and \$5,000 be raised by subscription. \$10,000 will be ample to put our grounds in good shape to hold a county or district fair, and we think either of the above propositions would be accepted by a number of Decatur and Mason county's prominent citizens, provided the county would do her part. Let us have the views of others on this subject.

A CITIZEN.

Notice to the Public.
Having bought J. W. Baker's stock of boots and shoes, I have decided to close out the entire stock at very low prices. Call early and secure bargain, as it must be closed out in the next few days. A large lot of Ladies' fine hand and machine sewed Kid Button Shoes will be sold very cheap. Remember the place, 153 Merchant street. Feb. 19-dit

J. N. BAKER.

The township in which Pana is situated voted Saturday by a decided majority to fund its \$140,000 of railroad bonded indebtedness. This amount includes the principal of \$100,000 and several years interest. The township, eight years ago, began to repudiate this debt. The supreme court of Illinois decided against the bondholders. Non resident bondholders then sued the township in the United States supreme court and won. Hence the township now proposes to settle with state resident bondholders at 75 cents on the dollar, and with non state resident bondholders at 90 cents. The state residents hold \$30,000 of the bonds and interest, and the non state residents hold the remaining \$70,000 and interest.

The Homeliest Man in Decatur.
As well as the bandmaster, and others are invited to call on Dr. A. J. Stoner, druggist, No. 14 south side new square, and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is selling entirely upon its merits, and is guaranteed to cure and relieve all Chronic and Acute Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis, and consumption. Price 50 cents and \$1. 13

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